

## REMARKS

The Applicant hereby elects Species "a" as shown in Figures 1-8 without traverse. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-17 and 32-40 read on elected Species "a" and hereby withdraws claims 18-31.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests examination of the elected claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for the claims. Please call the undersigned attorney if any questions remain after this amendment.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2006.

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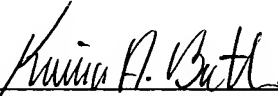
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